

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Paragraph starting at line 26 of page 8 has been amended as follows:

The attachment plate 72 for the second air cylinder 71 engages with the screw bar 74, and guide members 75 are provided on the lower surface of the rotary frame 41 such that the attachment plate 72 will be prevented from undergoing any rotary motion when the motor 73 is activated but will move longitudinally along the screw bar 74 while remaining in the upright position. As explained above, the heater unit 50 is moved between the sealing position and the retracted position during a normal course of operation. Thus, the distance between the sealing position and the retracted position is relatively short. An area in which these positions are found will be herein referred to as the "work area". When the chute 4 is replaced by another with a different size or when the initial position of the heater unit 50 or its support unit 60 is automatically set according to the size or the set position of the chute 4, for example, the heater unit 50 is removed much farther away from the working area so as to provide a sufficiently large space, say, for exchanging the chute 4. Such an a farther removed area will be herein referred to as the "non-work area". The motor 73 may thus be described as serving to move the heater unit 50 between the work and non-work areas. The ~~portion of the attachment plate 72 engaging the screw bar 74 is made thicker, as indicated by symbol 72a;~~ attachment plate 72 has a protruded portion 72a at its center where it is penetrated by the screw bar 74 so as to make it easier for the attachment plate 72 to move along the screw bar 74. In Figs. 4 and 7, numeral 6a indicates a stopper for not allowing the rotary frame 41 to rotate further in the clockwise direction (as indicated by arrow Y in Fig. 7) from the set position indicated by dotted lines, although it is allowed to move in the counter-clockwise direction (as indicated by arrow X in Fig. 7), say, to reach the position shown by solid line in Fig. 7.

Paragraph starting at line 23 of page 11 has been amended as follows:

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